

**2024 GLOBAL  
INNOVATION  
CHALLENGE™**



**Student Guide**

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## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE?

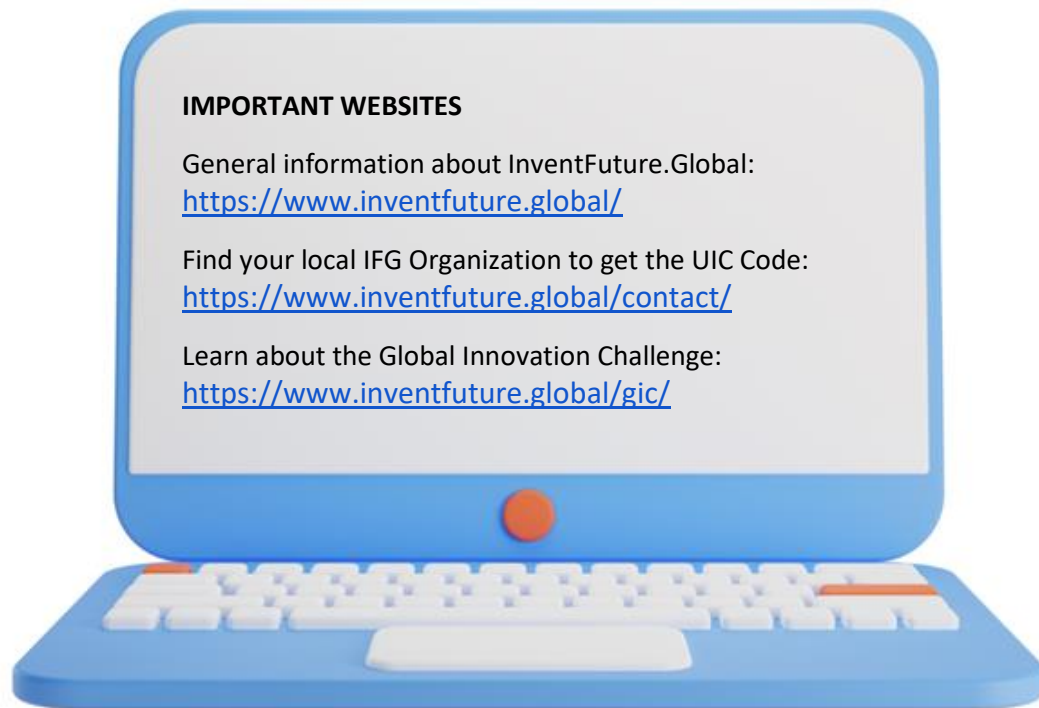
THE GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE (GIC) is an annual challenge designed to provide students ages 5 to 19 from around the world a place to share, compete, and be celebrated for their brilliant innovations.

Innovation, invention, and design programs that solve problems are regularly held in countries across the globe and InventFuture.Global now offers students an amazing opportunity! Share your creativity beyond your country's borders ... the international community is waiting to see what you have achieved. The Global Innovation Challenge is a two-round, virtual challenge.

- **Round 1:** All participants are included in Round 1 of the challenge. During this round, a panel of international judges independently review the project pitch video, logbook/journal, and 6-slide presentation and recommend entries to advance to Round 2 of the challenge.
- **Round 2:** Projects selected to advance to Round 2 of the challenge will be invited to present live, via the online Global Innovation Field Trip event to a panel of judges, peer innovators, a moderator and a global audience. *For more information see Top Tips for Your Live Presentation on page 16.*

Join the top 100 student innovators from all over the world and present your ideas and solutions to a global audience – register by 12 September for the Global Innovation Challenge to be held in October 2024.

**Be a part of the solution!** Questions? Please contact us at: [InventFutureGlobal@gmail.com](mailto:InventFutureGlobal@gmail.com).



## GETTING STARTED

THE GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE (GIC) is an annual challenge designed to provide students ages 5 to 19 from around the world a place to share, compete and be celebrated for their brilliant innovations.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Participating students:

- ✓ Must be a student ages 5 to 19. Note: this challenge is not intended for students enrolled in college/university, with the exception of students at a high school level who are also taking college courses.
- ✓ Must register as an individual or team of up to 3 students.
- ✓ Must have qualified to advance to the GIC from an InventFuture.Global member organization or the Global Independent Innovator program.
- ✓ Must have created a unique innovation or significantly improved an existing innovation.
- ✓ May only be registered to represent one innovation in the 2024 GIC.

### TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Individuals or teams are eligible to participate in GIC.
- ✓ Teams can be of any size, however a maximum of three students may be selected to represent the greater team for any in-person judging that may take place during the challenge.
- ✓ The entire team may be noted on the registration, recognized for their achievement and awarded any available opportunity prizes.
- ✓ To be eligible, all team members must be between ages 5-19.



### IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS

- **15 February** – Official start of GIC program. InventFuture.Global organizations can now invite students to advance to the GIC and provide each with a Unique Identifying Code (UIC).
- **1 March** – InventFuture.Global website goes online. Students with a UIC may now register.
- **12 September** – Deadline for all student materials to be uploaded through the registration link found on this page: <https://www.inventfuture.global/gic/>.
- **12 September - 25 September** - Round 1 submissions are reviewed by international GIC judges.
- **26 September** - Students advancing to the Final Round are notified via email and posted on <https://www.inventfuture.global/gic/>.
- **12-13 October (Saturday-Sunday)** – Global Innovation Challenge live presentations.
- **20 October (Sunday)** – Awards and Honors Celebration.



Challenge deadlines may change or be extended with little to no advanced notice. Keep up to date on all challenge deadlines by visiting: <https://www.inventfuture.global/gic/>.

## INNOVATION

### HOW WE DEFINE INNOVATION

The Oxford Dictionary defines “innovation” as a new method, idea, or product.

We expand the definition to include significantly improved methods, ideas or products. By this we mean you could create an enhancement, change or addition to a current innovation that significantly improves that innovation or performs the same function in a different way. For example, a plain pencil is used to write, but a pencil with an eraser can both write and erase. While a pen performs basically the same function it does so in a different way. These are all innovations.



Further, you could also combine existing products to come up with a unique innovation. For example, a fork combined with a spoon to make a Spork.



**Some examples of innovations:** prototype, App, idea, social good program, service, process, or yours could be different from these and we encourage you to apply.

### INNOVATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Innovations from other programs/contests** - Innovators may, but do not have to create a unique innovation for the GIC. They may show an innovation they created for another program or an innovation they have shown before at GIC providing there has been significant improvement to the innovation.
- **Electronics** - The innovation may or may not be electronic or have electronic components.
- **The innovation works or theoretically works.** Please remember, that it is not necessary for your innovation to work perfectly or for you to even have on hand all of the necessary materials and components to make it work. For example, maybe you don't have all of the parts already made or maybe you still need government approval to set up your innovation? The important thing is that you do know what you need, and that the science/plan/process is theoretically logical, correct and will work. Record your thinking in your journal.





- **Pitch video** - A 60-second video pitch or commercial that can be shared with the judges and also used to highlight your innovation on social media. This is your chance to get the attention of the judges and get them excited and interested in your innovation. *For more information see 60-Second Pitch Video on page 9.*
- **The story of your innovation** - Every innovation has a backstory which is the reason for its development and the path you followed to bring the innovation to some level of completion. The backstory for your innovation may be in a diary, journal, inventor's log or other narrative, and must be presented as one of the supporting documents for this challenge. *For more information see Logbook/Journal on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.***
- **Presentation document** - Each individual or team must develop a 6-page presentation that is required for the Round 1 judging event and which can be used for the Round 2 judging event. Any presentation with more than 6 pages will NOT be accepted. *For more information see 6-Slide/Page Presentation and/or Your Live Verbal Presentation on page 11.*



## PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THE GIC

- Create a Presentation Document of no more than 6 pages or slides detailing your innovative process.
- Be ready to attach diary, logbook, journal documenting your innovation process.
- Create a 60-second (or less) pitch video.
- Include a picture of yourself or the team.
- Take a picture and create an image of your innovation.

*More information can be found under Preparing Your GIC Materials and Presentations on page 9.*

## REGISTER FOR THE GIC BEFORE 12 SEPTEMBER

- Secure your UIC from your InventFuture.Global Organization.
- Click on the “Registration” button at: <https://inventfuture.global/gic/>.
- Only one registration form detailing participant information for all members of the team.
- Participant’s information - includes full name, gender, age, city, state/region, country, parent name(s), and contact email for each member of the team.
- Project information - includes the name of your innovation, a description, the problem it solves and a summary of how it works.
- Upload your logbook, journal or diary.
- Upload your Pitch Video (No longer than 60 seconds).
- Upload a picture of yourself or team.
- Upload the image of your innovation, screenshot of a portion of the code, a partial diagram, or high-level outline of the idea.
- Presentation document - a presentation not longer than 6 slides or pages, saved as PDF or .pptx.

Innovators who are selected to advance to the Final Judging Round will be invited to participate in Live Presentation Sessions via Zoom, on 12-13 October 2024 (Saturday-Sunday), where students will present their projects to a Panel of international judges and their student peers and will be evaluated based on the *GIC Evaluation Criteria on page 17*.



## AFTER REGISTERING FOR THE GIC

1. **CONFIRMATION:** After filling in the registration information and uploading the required files before Thursday 12 September, you will receive an on-screen confirmation that your registration was complete. If you do NOT see the on-screen message, then something was not completed. Look for the error and fix it. You will NOT be able to leave the registration site with a partially completed form and then return later. You will also receive an email confirming the completed registration. Check your SPAM folder for this email.

Your registration will be reviewed by the GIC Team and any questions, concerns or omissions will be forwarded to you via email.

2. **OFF-LINE JUDGING:** The first round of judging occurs off-line, and you will receive an email by Thursday, 26 September notifying you if you have been selected as a Finalist for the second round of judging. This second round occurs live at the Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT) on Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October. If you are a Finalist, you will be asked to choose your presentation time at GIFT.
3. **GIFT SESSION CHOICES:** By Tuesday, 8 October you will need to have submitted your choices for a GIFT presentation session time.
4. **GIFT SESSION NOTIFICATION:** By Thursday, 10 October, you will be told which GIFT GIC session you will be presenting at.
5. **GIFT PRESENTATIONS:** At GIFT Saturday/Sunday, 12/13 October, you will be giving your Final Presentation live to judges and the world watching GIFT.
6. **GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE AWARDS CEREMONY:** On Saturday, 20 October, the GIC awards ceremony will be held live on Zoom & YouTube.





## PREPARING YOUR GIC MATERIALS AND PRESENTATIONS

All participants will submit the Round 1 Materials and Presentation through the online registration process and some participants will be selected to advance to Round 2 and will also have a live presentation with a panel of international judges and peer innovators.

This section offers requirements and tips for the materials you will upload and the presentation(s) you will deliver.

Materials/Presentations	Round 1	Round 2
Image of Individual or Team	Required	not needed for this round
Image of Innovation	Required	not needed for this round
60-Second Pitch Video	Required	not needed for this round
Logbook/Journal	Required	Logbook/Journal (Judges will review before live event)
6-Slide/Page Presentation	Required	Innovators advanced to Round 2 will present to a panel of judges. You have the option to use your 6-Slide/Page Presentation to support live performance presentation.

### IMAGE OF INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM



Create a JPEG or PNG image of yourself or your team (max. file size: 512 MB).

### IMAGE OF INNOVATION

Create a JPEG or PNG image of your innovation (max. file size: 512 MB). The purpose of the image is to enable judges to generally understand more about your innovation, but the image should NOT contain too much detailed information so that it damages your Intellectual Property rights. See *Protecting Your Intellectual Property on page 24*.



Example images:

- Idea: a small portion of your blueprint, diagram, illustration, or outline of saved as a PDF
- App: screenshot(s) of a portion of your code as well as screenshot(s) of your user interface
- Prototype: picture(s) that does not show all of the critical pieces
- Social-good program or service: high level business plan
- Process: process diagram/chart

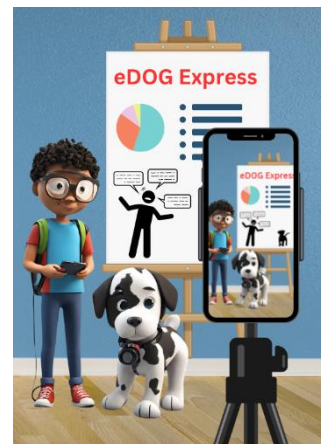
## 60-SECOND PITCH VIDEO

### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- The video may not exceed 60 seconds.
- You may create your video using whatever technology you have available.
- If using a cell phone, capture the video in portrait (see direction of phone below), not landscape.
- You may edit your pitch video.
- Make sure to include the innovation name and the name(s) of the innovator(s).
- Save your video in one of these formats: mp4, mov and avi (max. file size: 512 MB).

### TOP 10 LIST OF TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE A GREAT 60-SECOND PITCH VIDEO:

1. **Start with a Strong Hook:** Capture viewers' attention with a compelling opening statement or question that piques their interest.
2. **Focus on the Problem:** Clearly articulate the problem or challenge your product or service addresses. Make sure the problem is relatable and significant to your target audience.
3. **Introduce Your Solution:** Concisely explain how your product or service solves the problem. Highlight the unique features or benefits that set it apart from competitors.
4. **Keep it Simple:** Avoid using technical jargon or complex language. Keep your message clear, concise, and easy to understand.
5. **Show, Don't Just Tell:** Whenever possible, demonstrate your product or service. Use visuals, animations, or real-life examples to illustrate its effectiveness.
6. **Highlight Key Benefits:** Emphasize the main benefits or outcomes that users can expect from using your product or service. Focus on how it improves their lives or solves their problems.
7. **Include Social Proof:** Share testimonials, case studies, or success stories from satisfied customers or clients to build credibility and trust.
8. **Call to Action (CTA):** End your pitch with a clear and compelling call to action. Encourage viewers to take the next step, whether it's signing up for a free trial, visiting your website, or contacting you for more information.
9. **Practice, Practice, Practice:** Rehearse your pitch multiple times to ensure it flows smoothly and effectively within the 60-second time limit. Practice speaking confidently and naturally.
10. **Edit:** out any unnecessary or repetitive information to keep the pitch focused and engaging.



Check out these videos for additional ideas on creating your 60-second pitch:

[Lunch BX](#) [Yummers](#) [30-Second Elevator Pitch instructional by Professor Bell](#)

**The goal of the pitch video is NOT to explain everything about the innovation, but to get people interested in learning more about the innovation.**

## LOGBOOK/JOURNAL

### TOP TIPS TO MAKE SURE YOUR LOGBOOK/JOURNAL IS COMPLETE:

- Does your logbook/journal clearly explain the design process (from identifying the problem through testing and refining the innovation)?
- Are the pages clear, detailed, & thorough?
- Have you identified anyone who helped?
- Have you identify any materials used and how you obtained those materials?
- Is both the research and analysis clearly shown?



## 6-SLIDE/PAGE PRESENTATION AND/OR YOUR LIVE VERBAL PRESENTATION

### GIC PRESENTATIONS CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS:

1. A 6-slide/page presentation is required and will be reviewed by our judges in Round 1 along with your logbook/journal and innovation image to determine which innovations will advance to Round 2.

In order to allow each project the same amount of review time by our judges, GIC limits you to 6 total presentation slides/pages so you need to plan how to use them well so that they can help you make your best presentation AND cover as much information as possible. If you submit a presentation with more than 6 total slides, you will be asked to edit the presentation down to 6 slides.

You may use Keynote, Google Slides, WPS, Prezi or any other program to create your slides, but after they are done, you **MUST** convert them to PPTX or PDF format files. You will only be able to upload PPTX (PowerPoint) or PDF (Adobe) files when you register. **(max. file size: 512 MB).**

2. If you advance to Round 2 your live presentation of your innovation story with or without the use of your 6-slide presentation.



Below we have given you some guiding principles on how you might want to structure your presentation, followed by example slides. These can be used for your 6-slide presentation and/or your verbal presentation. Using them should assist you in covering all of the details you wish to present.

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## TOP TIPS FOR YOUR 6-SLIDE PRESENTATION

Everyone has their own style and you should use yours. Below are some suggested tips to help you.

- You will have 3 minutes to present and then 5 minutes for Q&A from the judges. At the end of that 8 minute mark, your presentation will be over. Use your time wisely.
- Plan what each slide will show so that you cover all you want to say.
- Your presentation should have a strong opening, closing and should keep your audience interested throughout.
- A mix of information and images will help keep your presentation interesting.
- Rather than long paragraphs of information, short summarized information or even bullet points detailing the most important information will be easier for your audience to follow and understand.
- In a notebook draw up a plan. For example: Divide your slides into two halves. On one side you might add an illustration, picture or photo. On the other side you might add the high level details you want to share.
- For very young innovators, parents/teachers are welcome to help prompt as needed.
- For students with English language issues, an adult can assist them with translation. The adult will NOT give the presentation, but merely assist with translation from time to time, as appropriate.
- If you are presenting as a team:
  - At the start of the presentation, the person speaking should provide their name and the name of all teammates representing the innovation.
  - Where appropriate, teammates should help the student who is talking at the moment, by demonstrating or using the solution.
- This presentation is your opportunity to explain what you have done, why you did it, how you did it and what the result is. You will do great - remember you are the expert on your topic!
- Practice, Practice, PRACTICE! Practice really does make perfect.

Look at the Example Slides 1 through 6 on the following pages to guide you further.

# PROJECT TITLE

## Example Slide 1 INTRODUCTION & PROBLEM STATEMENT

Your Name  
Your Age  
City/Country

Image or illustration  
representing your  
innovation

Share what you will be talking about, including:

- The problem statement, why you chose this problem, who has the problem (identify your customer)
- A general description (protecting your intellectual property) of your idea to solve the problem



Your slides should have your unique look, colors, fonts and images. Just be sure they are, interesting, clear and easy to read.

# PROJECT TITLE

## Example Slide 2 FACTS

- Share what you discovered through your research
- Share statistics/data you collected
- Other important facts



Select the most important, impactful information that supports your selection of the problem.

Image or illustration  
supporting this slide

Image or illustration  
supporting this slide



**PROJECT TITLE**

**Example Slide 3  
YOUR SOLUTION**

- A general description of your solution and how it solves the problem.
- Demonstrate your solution and compare it to others already available and how yours is/ or could be better
- Future planned improvements
- Other information you feel is important

Image or illustration supporting this slide



This is your opportunity to get others excited about your solution and how it is different from other solutions. Be creative!

Remember to protect your intellectual property by keeping your details general.

**PROJECT TITLE**

**Example Slide 4  
CHALLENGES**

Image or illustration supporting this slide

Image or illustration supporting this slide

- Describe the challenges you ran into and how you resolved them
- Share any user feedback or data you collected and describe if/how it changed your innovation

Image or illustration supporting this slide

Image or illustration supporting this slide

- Other information you feel is important



Highlight the most important information supporting the different iterations of your innovation.

Visuals keep your presentation interesting. Use as many photos or illustrations as you choose to. You are the expert!



**PROJECT TITLE** **Example Slide 5 ACTION**

- Describe the actions either you (or others) have taken on this problem
- Describe what still needs to be done
- Add other information you feel is important

image(s) or illustration that supports this slide

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Action could include:

- Market research (size of your market)
- Speaking to industry specialists
- Brainstorming discussions
- Exploring ideas with teachers/facilitators friends or family interested in this topic
- Can you think of others?

**PROJECT TITLE** **Example Slide 6 SUMMARY, THANK YOU & GOODBYE**

- List main points (could be one for each previous slide)
  1. main point...
  2. main point...
  3. main point...
  4. main point...
  5. main point...
- If there is a call to action, share it here.
- Thank your audience and say goodbye.



Use this last slide to engage your audience, seek any further help you may want and to invite questions.

image(s) or illustration that supports this slide

## TOP TIPS FOR THE LIVE PRESENTATION

If you are chosen to advance to Round 2 of the Global Innovation Challenge, you will be asked to present your innovation in a live round to a panel of judges and peers. To prepare for this, you will need to create a verbal presentation that represents your innovation story in the best way possible. When you are thinking about how you want to present this information, you could choose to follow the guidelines detailed in the 6-slide examples, you could choose to work from flashcards or you could present just by memory - whichever way makes you comfortable.

Earlier in this student guide we gave you some principles on how you might want to structure your 6-slide presentation. These can also be used for your verbal presentation, using them should assist you in covering all of the details you wish to present.

- Speak clearly
- Look at the camera
- Engage your audience
- Watch your timing - you have 3 minutes to present. This means you have 180 seconds to cover all the important details of your innovation story, or about 30 seconds per topic. Some topics take more time than others. You need to work this out for your presentation, but we suggest:
  - 30 seconds on your Introduction
  - 20 seconds on your Facts
  - 60 seconds on Your Solution
  - 20 seconds on Challenges
  - 20 seconds on Action
  - 30 seconds on Summary, Thank You and Goodbye
- Be interested in any feedback or questions asked, they may help you improve your innovation.
- Practice, Practice, PRACTICE! Practice really does make perfect.



## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Judges will be using these criteria for evaluating the innovation. You should make sure that your presentation and supporting materials address all of the criteria.

Note: Presenting teams will be evaluated based on the age of the oldest member of the team. Example – If a Team is made up of a 6-year old and 10-year old, the team will be judged at the 10-year old level.

### INNOVATION PROCESS

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#### IDENTIFY & UNDERSTAND PROBLEM

- How did the innovator identify the problem?
- What research did the innovator do to understand the problem?
- What other solutions currently exist?
- Who else might experience the same problem?

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#### DESIGNING & BUILDING

- How did the innovator start the design cycle?
- Was the innovator clear about every process of the designing? Can the innovator identify the problems in the design process?
- Why did the innovator choose these materials or coding language? Where did they get any materials or skills used? Or where would they get any materials or skills to be used in the future?

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#### IDEATING & BRAINSTORMING

- What process did the innovator go through in determining the problem to solve?
- How did the innovator break down the problem into sub-questions? What solutions did the innovator provide for each sub-question?

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#### TESTING & REFINING

- How did the innovator test or evaluate their innovation?
- Did the innovator identify any problems in the testing process? How did they refine their solution?
- How did the innovator get feedback from others on their innovation?

## INNOVATION IMPACT

### MARKET POTENTIAL

- Did the innovator have a clear understanding of the market? What market research was done?
- How large and/or viable is the potential market?
- Did the innovator evaluate the cost & value of the innovation?

### ORIGINALITY

- How is the innovation unique, novel, and creative?
- To what extent did the innovator contribute to the originality of the innovation?
- How is it distinguishable from prior innovations and from those of their peers?

### VALUE PROPOSITION

- Did the innovator clearly explain why others should use their innovation?
- How well did the innovator's explanation convince potential consumers/users that their innovation would add more value or better solve a problem than similar offerings?

### SOCIAL VALUE

- How did the innovator consider and address the potential environmental, social, and other non-traditional impacts of their innovation?
- To what extent does the innovation improve those conditions? Or to what extent does it minimize adverse impacts?

## COMMUNICATION

### LOGBOOK/JOURNAL/DIARY

- Did the innovator clearly explain the design process? (from identifying the problem through testing and refining the product, app, or idea)
- Are the pages clear, detailed, & thorough?
- Did they identify anyone who helped?
- Did they identify any materials used and how they obtained those materials?
- Is both the research and analysis clearly shown?

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## OUTLINE OF IDEA/CODE/PROTOTYPE

- Did the prototype, model, code, outline, or diagram clearly communicate the key characteristics of the innovation?
- Did the innovator(s) acknowledge outside assistance? Note: Outside assistance is acceptable so long as the innovator is driving the process and documents any outside help.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Did the innovator understand the question and answer it accordingly?
- Was the answer in conformity with the presentation and other materials?
- Did the innovator present their own thinking?
- Were the answers clear, fluent, and confident?

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## PRESENTATION SLIDE SET

- Did the presentation slide set have strong visual appeal?
- Was it in conformity with other materials and the rest of the presentation?
- Did it present the innovator's design purpose?

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## PRESENTATION

- Was the presentation informative and precise?
- Was the presentation clear, fluent, and confident?
- Did it communicate the significant characteristics of the innovation that makes it valuable, unique, and usable?
- Did the innovator present the innovation completely including the idea, process, model, and how it works?
- Did the innovator demonstrate the originality of the innovation?

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here you can find the answers you need to be prepared for the competition, but if you do not see an answer to your query, please email Jake Mendelssohn on [inventfutureglobal@gmail.com](mailto:inventfutureglobal@gmail.com).



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### Q: AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE (GIC)?

A: The GIC is open to students still enrolled at school (or Home school) from ages 5 to 19. *See Eligibility Requirements on page 4.*

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### Q: HOW DO I QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GIC?

A: Participating students must be in grades K to 12 (or the equivalent) and have qualified to advance to the GIC from an InventFuture.Global member organization or the Global Independent Innovator program. *See Eligibility Requirements on page 4.*

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### Q: WHEN DOES REGISTRATION OPEN AND CLOSE?

A: Registration for GIC 2024 opens on 15 February 2024 and closes on 12 September 2024

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### Q: MAY WE ENTER AS A TEAM?

A: A team of up to three students can participate in the competition. By using the grade of the oldest team representative, your team will be judged against other teams as well as individual inventors. You may participate as an individual or as part of a team, but not in both categories. *See Eligibility Requirements and Team Requirements 4.*

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### Q: HOW DO WE REGISTER A TEAM?

A: One member of the team will register all of the team members at the same time as well as uploading the required files. Please make sure that you have all of the information about all of the team members and the files ready. You will NOT be able to partially register and then finish the registration later. *See Register for the GIC Before 12 September on page 7.*

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### Q: WHAT IS AN IFGO - INVENTFUTURE.GLOBAL MEMBER ORGANIZATION?

A: Innovators are selected to advance by the IFGO (InventFuture.Global Member Organization) in your country.



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**Q: HOW DO I KNOW IF THERE IS AN IFGO IN MY COUNTRY?**

A: Visit this page to learn more: <https://inventfuture.global/gic/>. If you do not have a IFGO in your country, contact [inventfutureglobal@gmail.com](mailto:inventfutureglobal@gmail.com) for help with your direct submission.

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**Q: WHAT IS A UIC?**

A: A UIC is a Unique Identifier Code number issued to entrants by the IFGO which will allow you to register for GIC. Apply to the IFGO in your country to get your UIC.

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**Q: HOW DO I KNOW IF MY REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE?**

A: You will receive an email with final information confirming your entry. If you do not see your confirmation, then please check your SPAM folder. If, after 48 hours, you still do not see your confirmation, please write to [inventfutureglobal@gmail.com](mailto:inventfutureglobal@gmail.com) with your name, country and the title of your project.

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**Q: CAN I MAKE CHANGES TO MY REGISTRATION ONCE I HAVE SENT IT IN?**

A: No. All registrations must be completed by September 12, 2024. If you have registered before that date and you find that you must change something important in your registration data or the files you uploaded, then you will have to re-register. GIC Administration will then ignore your prior registration.

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**Q: WHAT HAPPENS AT A PRESENTATION SESSION?**

A: There are up to 10 projects and at least 2 judges at each 60-minute session. Each student or team gives a 3-minute live presentation (using their PowerPoint, PDF file or video demonstrate their innovation). After this, 3-5 additional minutes are used for questions from the Judges and other attendees.

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**Q: DO I NEED TO PREPARE EVERYTHING BY MYSELF?**

A: Yes, you (and/or your team) are responsible for preparing all of your content. However, if you got help from any external source, including a Teacher, Parent or Friend, you must acknowledge the help you received. For example, maybe you needed assistance in creating a PowerPoint presentation, or a blueprint or you got advice on how to wire a circuit and so on. This acknowledgement must be noted in your live presentation as well as your journal.

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**Q: IS MY LOGBOOK/JOURNAL/DIARY IMPORTANT?**

A: Innovation is NOT a sudden one-minute event, but rather a long process of work, experimentation, evaluation and redesign. The Logbook/Journal/Diary is the documentation and story of your journey in that process and it is very important that you are able to show people what you did and why you did it.

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**Q: DO I HAVE TO USE POWERPOINT TO CREATE THE PRESENTATION?**

A: No. You may use Keynote, Google Slides, WPS, Prezi or any other program to create your slides, but after they are done, you MUST convert them to PPTX or PDF format files. You will only be able to upload PPTX (PowerPoint) or PDF (Adobe) files when you register.

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**Q: MAY I USE AI IN MY RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION?**

A: This is meant to be YOUR innovation. You may use AI to help in some research aspects, but the actual design and creation of the innovation and the presentation about it are supposed to be your work and your work alone. You must acknowledge the help you received from using AI and it must be noted in your live presentation as well as your journal.

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**Q: HOW CAN I MAKE SURE THE JUDGES OR HOSTS CAN OPERATE MY UPLOADED FILE/S?**

A: Judges will be able to open and operate files uploaded as PPTX or PDF. Do NOT use any other format or website links.

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**Q: HOW DO I PROTECT MY IP – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY?**

A: PROTECTING YOUR INNOVATION - It is sole responsibility of the creator(s) of their Innovation to determine whether their innovation requires protection, what type of protection it may require. It is the sole responsibility of the creator to contact the appropriate legal professionals to secure any or all protection they deem necessary.

Intellectual Property Concerns - Anytime you decide to share your idea or innovation, if you have a scientific discovery or invention that could lead to a Patent or any other intellectual property protections, it is best to check your country's patent law before publicly sharing your idea. It is important to understand the intellectual property laws in your country if you have any plans to bring your product to market in the future. When presenting, be cautious about sharing the specific details of what you made and focus on sharing the general operation and benefits of your product.

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**Q: WHAT DO I NEED TO INCLUDE IN MY PRESENTATION SLIDES?**

A: The slides should highlight key points of the innovation process of your innovation. You have 3 minutes to make your presentation and may use no more than 6 slides. *See 6-Slide/Page Presentation on page 11.*

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**Q: WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?**

Entries will be scored using the following judging criteria:

- Innovation Process
- Innovation Impact
- Communication

*See Evaluation Criteria on page 17.*

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**WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FINAL EVENT?**

A: At the on-line Global Innovation Field Trip on Saturday/Sunday, 12/13 October the GIC Finalists will give live presentations to an international panel of Judges while the world is watching on Zoom and YouTube. You will be notified if you are a Finalist after the First Round of off-line judging. If you are selected as a Finalist, more information will be sent to you about this event.

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**WHEN IS THE AWARD CEREMONY?**

A: The Global Innovation Challenge Award Ceremony will be held live on Zoom on Saturday 20 October. Everyone around the world is invited to watch this live exciting celebration of student innovation. The link for the celebration will be posted on the [www.InventFuture.Global](http://www.InventFuture.Global) website.

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**Q: NEED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT?**

A: Go here <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3214008025506677>

If you have any additional questions, please contact us at: [inventfutureglobal@gmail.com](mailto:inventfutureglobal@gmail.com).

## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENTS AND GUIDELINES

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### HONEST COMMUNICATION

- Be in compliance with this Code of Civility
- Be accurate (where they state facts)
- Be genuinely held (where they state opinions)
- Be in compliance with applicable law in any country from which they are posted
- Respect Yourself and Others

We require that all G.I.C. participants treat other people with respect. Any use of Communication Services (see the Code of Civility) to threaten, harass, stalk, or abuse others using these services is unacceptable and is strictly forbidden. All contributions are expected to:

We reserve the right to remove content that advocates or encourages expressions of violence, bullying, general cruelty, bigotry, racism, illegal activity, hatred, or profanity. This includes content that is deemed inappropriate, offensive, or that violates guidelines in the Terms of Service or the Code of Civility. Falsely impersonating a GIC employee, agent, manager, host, or any other person other than yourself, is forbidden.

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### PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

We caution you against sharing unnecessary personally identifiable information during the Zoom challenge (such as home address or personal contact information), which may be inadvertently obtained by others or, in rare instances, used for illegal or harmful purposes. Talk to your coach, parent or the GIC staff if you have a question or concern.

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### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The GIC continuously addresses issues of diversity and multiculturalism and is committed to engaging in actions that create inclusive communities, increased diversity, and the elimination of discrimination. The GIC prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation,

marital status, parental status, and gender identity or expression in all of its programs and activities.

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### CODE OF CIVILITY

As part of our commitment to making the GIC and its related social media channels a great place to meet and interact with others who have a passion and commitment to science, technology, engineering, math, innovation and entrepreneurship, you agree to abide by this Code of Civility. By participating on the Site and social media community, you give your commitment to abide by this Code when contributing to all GIC resources and programs, including, but not limited to, profiles, team pages, chats, posts and comments, emails, social media sources, etc. ("Communication Services"), and to help create a positive experience for all the community's users. We reserve the right in our sole discretion to eject or ban any user from participating in the Global Innovation Challenge (GIC), the Site or social media community who behaves in a manner deemed inappropriate or offensive, or who violates the guidelines of this Code of Civility. The GIC and its partners and service providers are not responsible for any user-created content or other activities.

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## RELEASE AGREEMENT

By registering your child, you grant permission for your child to take part in the Global Innovation Challenge and verify agreement with the following Innovation World photography/filming release: Without expectation of compensation or other remuneration of any kind, now or in the future, on behalf of my registered student, I as guardian do hereby give consent, permission, and authorization to InventFuture.Global, including its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, members, directors, officers, principals, partners, and agents, to use their name, image and likeness, including all rights, title and interest therein, for InventFuture.Global's use in whatever form (digital, web-based, hard-print or otherwise) and for whatever purpose in perpetuity. InventFuture.Global's use includes, without limitation, any advertising, video footage, recording, publication, website, radio, digital media, print media, or other promotional marketing or media activities, as well as, all film, motion picture and television rights (e.g., free television, pay television, basic cable, subscription, video-on-demand, pay-per-view, syndication, digital streaming, and all other methods of transmission delivery systems and formats). Both my registered child and I as their guardian, hereby further release InventFuture.Global from any and all claims or disputes, including damages in any form, for libel, slander, right of publicity, invasion of right of privacy, trademark infringement or false endorsement, breach of contract, or any other tortious claim or persona right associated with InventFuture.Global's use of said name, image and likeness, and further, hereby acknowledge that InventFuture.Global shall have no obligation to use said name, image or likeness. This consent is given in perpetuity and does not require prior approval. By completing the online registration and paying the non-refundable registration fee, I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the Global Innovation Challenge (G.I.C.) hosted by InventFuture.Global. I have been thoroughly informed of rules and requirements of the GIC I understand and consent to my child being in virtual contact with Innovation World employees and volunteers for the purpose of evaluating and advising my child's project. I hereby release InventFuture.Global and any of its officers, directors, employees or sponsors, from responsibility and liability for any damage, injury or illness that my child may sustain as a result of or in any way connected to

my child's participation in the Global Innovation Challenge and, further, waive any and all rights to assert any claims against InventFuture.Global for any damages allegedly sustained as a result of my child's participation in the Global Innovation Challenge.

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## BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT

- I understand and agree that my child's behavior with regard to their participation in the Global Innovation Challenge is my responsibility. I will instruct my child in proper behavior and ensure that they respect and adhere to the Code of Conduct, which include the Participant Community Guidelines and the following:
- The content of my child's project submission in the Global Innovation Challenge shall be age appropriate and non-discriminatory.
- My child's Global Innovation Challenge project submission must be of a nature where it cannot cause harm to property, animals, my child or other children, and any other adults.
- Plagiarism, defined as when an author attempts to pass off someone else's work as their own, of any type and format, is strictly prohibited.
- In the event of (a) behavior problem(s) regarding my child's participation in the Global Innovation Challenge or failure to adhere to the Participant Community Guidelines, I understand that I will be contacted to correct any problem or issue. In the event a problem or issue cannot be corrected, I recognize my child will no longer be allowed to participate in the Global Innovation Challenge for the remainder of the event year.